



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Economic Development

Minutes for MARCH 03, 2021, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Economic Development met on March 03, 2021, 1:00 PM in Room 208W.

Members present: Senators Swope, Martin, Azinger, Hamilton, Nelson, Roberts, Tarr, Woodrum, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Romano, Stollings, Woelfel

Members absent: Senators Stover

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Martin, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Chair Swope announced that SB 452 was pulled from the agenda.

Com. Sub. For S. B. 445 - Reinstating film investment tax credit.

Chair Swope recognized Counsel Jessica Vestal to explain the proposed committee substitute in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained and answered questions from the committee. With leave of the committee, Chair Swope recognized Delegate Graves to speak to the bill and answer questions from the committee. Delegate Graves provided the committee with a handout touting the benefits of passing this legislation. Delegate Graves answered questions from the committee. Chair Swope then recognized Angela Miele, with the Motion Picture Industry. Ms. Miele spoke to the committee via Teams and stressed the importance and necessity of passing this legislation. She answered questions from the committee. Chair Swope then recognized Diana Sole, CEO of Motion Masters, a WV film production company. Ms. Sole also spoke of the necessity of the legislation and income potential for West Virginians if this legislation is passed. A round table question and answer session followed, with each speaker and Counsel answering questions presented by the committee. Senator Woelfel offered an amendment to the committee substitute. Upon voice vote the motion was adopted. After more questions, Senator Jeffries offered an amendment to Senator Woelfel's amendment. Chair Swope ordered the committee to be at ease. After much discussion, Senator Jeffries agreed to withdraw his amendment. Senator Woelfel restated his amendment. Upon voice vote the amendment was adopted. Chair Swope moved the language of the committee substitute. Upon voice vote the motion was adopted. Vice Chair Martin moved the committee substitute, as amended be reported with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the committee on Finance.

S. B. 464 - Developing and implementing program to regulate source-separated organic material waste.

Chair Swope recognized Counsel Phillip Childs to explain the proposed committee substitute, in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained and answered questions from the committee. Senator Woelfel asked, with leave of the committee, to hear from Amy White, Sustainability Manager for Marshall University, via Teams. Chair Swope recognized Ms. White to speak to the bill and answer questions from the committee. With leave of the committee, at request of Senator Tarr, Chair Swope recognized Mr. Jason Wandling of the DEP. Mr. Wandling answered questions from the committee. Senator Tarr moved that the bill be referred to the committee on Finance. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. Vice Chair Martin moved the bill be reported, with the recommendation that it do pass; with the further recommendation that it be referred to the committee on Finance. Upon voice vote the motion was adopted.

On Motion of Senator Martin the committee adjourned.



Chandler Swope

Committee Chair



Tina L. Burs

Committee Clerk